Sri L. B. BIRJE (spoke in Marathi—as translated by Sri V. S. Patil).—Even though the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to state that it has been made an optional subject, still criculars have been issued by the Departmantal Officers stating that Kannada has been made compulsory. Is it not a fact ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—That is not a fact. But such a complaint was made by my hon. friends on the other side. As a clarification, we issued an order on 21-6-1962 saying that teaching of Kannada in these private schools can only be optional and that is left entirely to the discretion of the management.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಗುರಡ್ಡಿ.—ಮರಾಠಿ ಶಾಲೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಕಲಸುವುದು ಆಪ್ಷನರ್ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದಿರಿ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಗ್ರಾಂಟು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅಥವಾ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಕಂಠಿ.—ರೂರ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಗ್ರಾಂಟು ಸಿಕ್ಕುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether this option of teaching remains with the parents and students or whether this option remains with the Government and their officers ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The answer is quite obvious ; parents and students.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I want to know if the parents and students of a particular school do not wish to learn Kannada, is it necessary for Government to appoint Kannada teachers there ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sir, the point is that if there are Marathi speaking people who want to learn Kannada, Kannada teacher has to be appointed. We do not know whether Marathi speaking children will take up Kannada or not. To be on the safe side, we have appointed Kannada Teachers.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that in spite of the protest by some people of Belgaum Taluk that they do not want to learn Kannada still a Kannada Teacher has been sent there ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Even if teachers are posted there, nobody can force Marathi speaking people to learn Kannada.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಐಚ್ಛಿಕ ಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ಹಾರಿಗೆತರಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಜೋನರ್ ಕಾನ್ಸಿಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಕೇವಲ ಕನ್ನಡ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಹಾರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಮರಾಠಿ ದೇಶದೊಳಗೂ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಐಚ್ಛಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹಾರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The Hon. Member does not know that in the South Zonal Council, Marathi area does not come. This decision has been taken in respect of Andhra, Tamilnad and Kerala.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the teaching of Kannada as an optional subject is applicable to the whole State or only to Marathi areas ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—This applies to all schools of non-Kannada type.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಕನ್ನಡ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷೆಯು ಐಚ್ಛಿಕವಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—That question does not arise here.

Sri B. V. MAGAVI.—Are the Government of Maharashtra extending the same courtesy to the Kannada speaking areas ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—This is a pertinent question. As far as I have been able to gather information, the regional language is made compulsory in the third standard and onwards in the Maharashtra area.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

2-00 P.M.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Construction of Houses for Labourers in Harihar by the Housing Board.

*Q.—240. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Housing Board has constructed any houses in Harihar for the benefit of the labourers engaged in several Industrial concerns in Harihar ;

(*b*) if so, the number of such houses so constructed ;

(*c* whether it is a fact that there is great and urgent need for constructing more houses in Harihar so as to help the poor labourers to get houses ;

(*d*) whether Government would take early steps to construct more houses ?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 112 houses were constructed. 100 more houses are under construction.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This depends on the availability of funds.

Construction of Bridges on Syagalahalla and Adanur Halla in Holalkere Taluk.

**Q.*—455. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether plans and estimates were prepared for the construction of bridges across Syagala halla and Adanur halla in Anagodu-Holalkere road ;

(*b*) whether these estimates have been sanctioned by Government ;

(*c*) if sanctioned whether they would start the work during the year 1962-63 ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a* Plans and estimates are being prepared.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Drainage Scheme for Bellary Town.

**Q.*—493. Sri T. G. SATYANARAYANA (Bellary).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Bellary Municipality has requested the Government to sanction the drainage scheme for Bellary town ;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme and the stage at which the matter stands at present ?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Muincipal Administration).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The cost of the underground drainage scheme can only be known after the survey and investigation which are about to be taken up, are completed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

SECRETARY.—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table Third List of Unstarred Questions and Answers.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Third List).

Starting of Technical Colleges in the State.

Q.—10. Sri V. S. LAKSHMIKANTHAPPA (Sagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether Government intends to give necessary encouragement and aid to start Technical Colleges in the State in the Private Sector ?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

Yes, provided the Schemes are approved by the All India Council for Technical Education and the Government of India.

Increase of fees in the Government Engineering Colleges.

Q.—14. Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the authorities of the Government Engineering College have recently proposed to increase the fees payable by students ;

(*b*) the details of the fees at present prevalent in the different Engineering Colleges in the State ?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) *Vide* statement appended.